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The Honorable Jess Larson
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Larson:

A recent agency survey of space occupancy and space requirements has indicated a very urgent need for additional office space to adequately house certain activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Discussions among representatives of this agency and those of the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, have resulted in the conclusion that there is no Government-owned office space to be available in the near future which would meet the existing requirement of this agency, and that equivalent commercial space is not available for lease on terms which can be accepted by the Public Buildings Service.

It appears that the only solution to the existing office space requirement is the construction of two additional wings to Temporary "M" Building to provide a gross area of approximately 45,600 square feet and a net area of approximately 31,920 square feet, at an estimated cost of \$457,000. I have determined, therefore, that the construction of these additions is necessary in order to perform the functions assigned to CIA by the Congress and the National Security Council.

It is therefore requested that the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, undertake to prepare plans and specifications and award a contract for the erection of the additions to Temporary "M" Building, as described above. I understand that the General Services Administration does not have available funds for this

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construction. If you approve this request, a working fund in the amount of \$457,000 will be established in the Public Buildings Service to meet the costs of construction and reimbursable overhead, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 10(a)(1) of the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949.

I would greatly appreciate your concurrence and authorization to the Public Buildings Service to proceed with construction in accordance with this request.

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central
Intelligence



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